

This listing of claims will replace the prior version of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An air-bag unit ~~adapted to be positioned on a the~~
floor pan of a motor vehicle in ~~a the~~ foot-well ~~to be located beneath the feet of an~~
~~occupant of the vehicle, the air bag unit having comprising~~

a substantially sealed damp-proof housing ~~containing an air bag, and~~
an air-bag in the housing,

wherein the housing ~~has having~~ a substantially rigid upper cover and a base, ~~the~~
~~unit being such that and the upper cover is secured to the base, and~~

wherein on inflation of the air-bag, the upper cover ~~of the housing~~ is lifted[,] from
its an initial position to an elevated position[,] ~~characterised in so~~ that the upper cover is
(8) of the housing (2) is secured to the base (4) of the housing (2), the cover (8) being
~~adapted to be separated from the base (4) of the housing (2) on inflation of the air bag~~
(11).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~
wherein the upper cover (8) is sonic-welded to the base (4) ~~of the housing (2).~~

Claim 3 (currently amended): An air-bag unit ~~adapted to be positioned on a the~~
floor pan of a motor vehicle in ~~a the~~ foot-well ~~to be located beneath the feet of an~~
~~occupant of the vehicle, the air bag unit having comprising~~

a substantially sealed damp-proof housing ~~containing an air bag, and~~
an air-bag in the housing,

wherein the housing has having a substantially rigid upper cover, and the upper cover is secured to a base part of the housing by means of a deformable side wall, and

~~the unit being such that~~ on inflation of the air-bag, the upper cover of the housing is lifted[,] from its an initial position to an elevated position[,] ~~characterised in that the cover (8) is secured to a base part of the housing (2) by means of a deformable side wall (5).~~

Claim 4 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 3, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the side wall (5) is a concertina-style side wall (22).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the housing (2) is provided with mounting means (7) to mount the unit (4) in position.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the air-bag (11) comprises two [super-imposed] superimposed layers of fabric, and the layers are being secured together to define a plurality of discrete cells (16).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 6, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cells (16) comprise a plurality of substantially parallel cells which are substantially cylindrical when inflated.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 6, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the cells (16) comprise a plurality of cells configured so that on inflation of the cells, one end of each cell has a greater diameter than the other end of the cell.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 8, wherein
~~characterised in that~~ the cells (16) are substantially triangular.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein
~~characterised in that~~ the air-bag (11) is provided with a gas supply tube (13) adapted to be
connected to a gas generator (14).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 10, wherein the in
~~combination with a gas generator is~~ connected to the gas supply tube, ~~characterised in~~
~~that and~~ the gas generator ~~is~~ (14) ~~being~~ associated with a sensor adapted to respond to an
impact.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein
~~characterised in that~~ a gas generator (14) is disposed ~~provided~~ within the housing (2) to
provide gas to inflate the air-bag (11).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 12, wherein
~~characterised in that electrical connection means are provided to enable a means for~~
supplying a signal adapted to initiate inflation of the air-bag (11) ~~to be~~ is connected to the
gas generator (14) through an electrical connection means.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 1, wherein
~~characterised in that the unit (1) has a~~ the base is substantially rigid ~~base (4)~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A unit according to Claim 14, wherein
~~characterised in that~~ the base (4) has a deformable peripheral region (32), and a terminal
lip (33) of the peripheral region ~~is being~~ secured to the cover (8).